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Welcoming the President of the Philippines to the United States, expressing gratitude to the Government of the Philippines for its strong cooperation with the United States in the campaign against terrorism and its membership in the coalition to disarm Iraq, and reaffirming the commitment of Congress to the continued expansion of friendship and cooperation between the United States and the Philippines.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 21, 2003

Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BIDEN) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

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Whereas the United States and the Philippines have shared a special relationship as close friends for more than a century;

Whereas the United States and the Philippines have been allies for more than 50 years under the Mutual Defense Treaty which was signed at Washington on August 30, 1951 (3 UST 3947);

Whereas the United States and the Philippines share a common commitment to democracy, human rights, and freedom;

Whereas the United States and the Philippines share a common goal of bringing peace, stability and prosperity to the Asia-Pacific region;

Whereas the President of the Philippines, Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, was the first leader in Asia to commit full support for the United States and its war against global terror after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001;

Whereas the Governments of the United States and the Philippines have effectively joined forces to combat the terrorist threat in Southeast Asia and are collaborating on a comprehensive political, economic, and security program designed to defeat terrorist threats in the Philippines, including those from Muslim extremists, Communist insurgents and international terrorists;

Whereas the Governments of the United States and the Philippines believe that, in light of growing evidence that links exist between entities in the Philippines and international terrorist groups, the two countries should enhance their cooperative efforts to combat international terrorism;

Whereas the Government of the United States welcomes and will assist the efforts of the Government of the Philippines of forge a lasting peace, protect human rights,

and promote economic development on the island of Mindanao;

Whereas President Arroyo has fully supported the United States' position on Iraq, including joining the coalition to enact change in Iraq and arranging to send a humanitarian contingent to help the newly-liberated people of that country;

Whereas the United States welcomes the strong statements by President Arroyo on the need for North Korea to accept international norms on non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; and

Whereas the United States fully supports the campaign of President Arroyo to implement economic and political reforms and to build a strong Republic in the Philippines to defend Philippine democracy from terror and to strengthen the Philippines as an ally of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate

2 (1) welcomes the President, Her Excellency
3 Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, to the United States;

4 (2) expresses profound gratitude to the Govern-
5 ment and the people of the Philippines for the ex-
6 pressions of support and sympathy provided after
7 the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and for
8 the Philippines' strong cooperation in the on-going
9 war against global terrorism, membership in the coa-
10 lition to disarm Iraq, and assistance in helping to re-
11 build that country; and

1 (3) reaffirms its commitment to the continued
2 expansion of friendship and cooperation between the
3 Governments and the people of the United States
4 and the Philippines.

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